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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FABRICATING
For: CELLULAR CUSHIONS

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

The Office Action dated May 19, 2005, has been carefully reviewed and the following amendment has been made in consequence thereof. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the election requirement as each of the independent claims is directed to injection molding, and each of the embodiments illustrated in Figures 1-7 are merely exemplary embodiments of cellular cushions that may be fabricated using the novel injection molding process of the present invention.

However, to be fully compliant, and only if the election requirement is not reconsidered, in response to the election requirement set forth in the Office Action, Applicants elect for prosecution in this application the species of Figures of Group I as identified in the Office Action. In addition, if the election requirement is maintained, Applicants submit that Figure 4 is also elected for prosecution in this application. Claims 1-9, 11-16, 18-24, and 27-35 are in the elected claim group.

Based on at least the brief reasoning set forth above, the requirement for election is traversed because the inventions set out by the claims clearly are related, a thorough search and examination of any claim group (it is believed) would be relevant to the examination of the other group, and requirements for election are not mandatory under 35 USC.

Accordingly, reconsideration of the election requirement is requested

Respectfully Submitted,

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